FAST FACTS

YEMEN CRISIS

February 2019

Total population

29.3 MILLION

Population in need

24 MILLION, or 80 per cent of Yemen’s population

Total number of children in need

11.3 MILLION CHILDREN

Internally displaced children

1 MILLION

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**NUTRITION**

- Nearly **1.8 million children** live in **31 active conflict** zones in areas witnessing heavy, war-related violence.
- Since the Stockholm agreement on **13 Dec 2018**, every day eight children have been killed or injured.
- An estimated **12 million** Yemesis, including 2 million children, will be dependent on food assistance in 2019.

**HEALTH**

- Only half of all health facilities in Yemen are functional and even these face severe shortages in medicine, equipment, and staff.
- Since the outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea/cholera in April 2017, there have been over **1.3 million** suspected cases with more than 2,700 associated deaths.
- Children under the age of five make more than a quarter of all suspected cholera/acute watery diarrhoea cases.
- Nearly 16.4 million people (8.4 million children) need basic health care assistance.

**WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE**

- An estimated 16 million people (8.1 million children) do not have access to safe water, sanitation, or hygiene.
- Only one third of Yemen’s population is connected to a piped water network.

**EDUCATION**

- One in five schools in Yemen can no longer be used because they are damaged or being used in the fighting or to shelter displaced families.
- Most public-school teachers have not been paid in more than two years.
- More than **2 million children** - or one third of all school-aged children - are out-of-school, an increase of **nearly half a million** children since the conflict escalated.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

- Figures from 26 March 2015 to 5 December 2018 - these are only figures that the United Nations has been able to verify, with actual numbers likely to be much higher.
- 2,672 children were **killed**.
- 4,371 children were **injured**.
- 2,787 children **recruited** into the fighting.
- **323 attacks** and military use of education facilities.
- **133 attacks** and military use of health facilities.
- Child marriage has increased, with **two thirds** of girls under 18 marrying in 2017 against half in 2016.
UNICEF's RESULTS FOR CHILDREN, 2018

EDUCATION: Over 157,000 conflict-affected children received access to education via temporary learning spaces, school rehabilitation, school grants, and classroom furniture. Over 41,000 children received basic learning supplies.

HEALTH: 1 million children under the age of five received primary health care, and over 4 million children were vaccinated against polio.

NUTRITION: Over 345,000 severe acutely malnourished children under five years-old were admitted to therapeutic care and 3.8 million were given micronutrients.

WASH: Nearly 5 million people had access to safe drinking water and almost 1 million gained access to emergency safe water supply. Additionally, over 5.5 million people living in high-risk cholera areas had access to household-level water treatment and disinfection.

CHILD PROTECTION: Over 800,000 children in conflict-affected areas received psychosocial support, and over 1.3 million children and community members were reached with lifesaving mine risk education.

EMERGENCY CASH TRANSFERS: Nearly 1.5 million of Yemen’s poorest families (9 million people) were provided with cash assistance to meet their most pressing needs.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

In 2019, UNICEF is appealing for **US$ 542 MILLION** to continue its emergency response for children affected by the conflict in Yemen.

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ENDNOTES

2. United Nations, December 2018
5. In 13 of the 22 governorates, the 2017/2018 school year began with a setback in the education process due to the extended time of non-payment of salaries for teachers crippling the education system. 2018 Mid-Year UNICEF Humanitarian Situation Report.
10. Yemen 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), OCHA.